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SUBJECT: GURC REQUEST FOR PCV REPATRIATION

PASS PEACE CORPS

REF: A) YAOUNDE 1739, B) STATE 119402

1. MEETING WITH PRESIDENCY ASSISTANT SEC GEN SENGAT KUO
JUNE 4 (DELAYED ONE DAY) ADDED LITTLE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF
KINZELMAN/STEEBY SITUATION. I INFORMED HIM OF MY DEMARCHE
HG FONOFF AND GAVE HIM COPY OF NOTE. ALTHOUGH SHOWING UNDER-
STANDING OF OUR CONCERNS, HE IMPLIED THAT DUE TO HIS ILLNESS AND
PRESSURE OTHER WORK HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE PROBE CASE DEEPLY.
HIS STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENCY HAD NEVER BEEN INFORMED
OF REQUEST FOR DEPARTURE OF TWO VOLUNTEERS SEEMED TO ME
SIGNIFICANT. IF THERE HAD BEEN SECURITY CONCERNS OF REAL GRAVITY

I ASSUME PRESIDENCY WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

2. MATTER NOW REMAINS IN HANDS FONOFF. IT IS TOO EARLY
TO EXPECT ANYTHING CONCRETE FROM MY DEMARCHE TO FONOFF SEC GEN
(REF A). FONOFF WILL BE PROCEEDING THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC
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CHANNELS, TO RAISE MATTER WITH SECURITY AND CIVIL SERVICE
MINISTRY, A PROCESS NOT SPEEDED BY ABSENCE OF SECGEN ON
MISSION ABROAD.

3. KINZELMANS HAVE HAD NO PROBLEMS IN BAMENDA WHERE THEY
HAVE BEEN PACKING UP. THEY WILL BE LEAVING CAMEROON JUNE 12
FOR US. A NEW PROBLEM HAS ARISEN FOR STEEBY. HE HAS BEEN
OFFERED PC PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR FISHERIES PROGRAM
IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WITH REQUEST FOR HIS SERVICES BE-
GINNING JUNE 13 AND IS ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT. I AM CONCERNED THAT
DEPARTURE OF BOTH KINZELMAN AND STEEBY WILL LESSEN PRESSURE ON
GURC TO WORK WITH US TO FIND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THEIR
SITUATION AND UNHELPFUL PRECEDENT WILL HAVE BEEN CREATED.
KINZELMANS ARE LEAVING NOW AT END OF TOUR, WHEREAS STEEBY
HAS SEVERAL MONTHS YET TO GO.

4. MY OWN INCLINATION, IN WHICH ACTING PCD CONCURS, IS TO
TRY TO HOLD CAR JOB OPEN FOR STEEBY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN HOPE
WE WILL GET ANSWER TO OUR FONOFF DEMARCHE. AT SOME POINT, IN
ABSENCE THAT RESPONSE, WE MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER STEEBY
(1) TERMINATES HERE AND GOES TO CAR ON PSC, (2) GIVES UP CAR
POSSIBILITY AND STICKS IT OUT IN YAOUNDE WHERE THERE LITTLE FOR
HIM TO DO OR (3) TERMINATES AND RETURNS TO U.S.

5. IF DEPT. AND/OR PC HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PREFERENCES AMONG
ALTERNATIVE IN PARA 4 ABOVE OR OTHER SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE LET US
KNOW.

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